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THE BRAVEST BATTLE.

The bravest battle that ever was fought,
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you'll find it not:
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,
With sword or nobler pen!
Nay, not with eloquent word or thought
From the mouth of wonderful men!

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart—
Of woman that would not yield;
But bravely, silently bore her part—
Lo! there is the battlefield.

No marshalling troop, no bivouac song,
No banner to gleam and wave!
But oh, these battles they last so long—
From babyhood to the grave.

—Joaquin Miller.

Will You Lie, or Tell the Truth?

BY ADA L. VREELAND.

The season for planting garden had arrived. A mother and two children, one a bright boy of seven years, the other a girl of twelve, were busily engaged in putting seed into the ground.

The boy looked anxiously into his mother's face and said, "Mamma, did I grow?"

"To be sure you grew."

"But mamma where did I grow and who planted me?"

"Oh, Johnnie, don't ask such foolish questions!"

"But mamma, I want to know!"

"Never mind now, it doesn't matter."

The boy lost interest in his work and soon joined some children who were playing marbles in the street.

Said the daughter, looking earnestly at her mother, "Tell me where you did find us."

The mother said, "I want you to stop asking such questions, they do not concern you nor the garden and these seeds must go in the ground before dark, so hurry up."

What an opportunity lost for a mother to get in sweet accord with her children. How easy to explain the mystery of life, as far as we know it, from the tiny seeds they were planting in the garden. Why had this mother spent her life time in novel reading, instead of preparing answers to the above questions, which are sure to come where bright children abide. Had she never heard of the delightful volume "The Song of Life" which is so helpful to mothers and children?

What more fitting time than Spring, with the bursting blossoms and growing plants to impart the truth to the in-

nocent, inquiring mind of childhood. Do mothers ever think what sort of answers their children are going to obtain from other children who have been filled with all sorts of vulgar lies? Has a child no right to an honest answer? Here are a few questions and answers that are within my personal knowledge.

A young German woman, standing near a window preparing the evening meal, noticed her only child, Rudolph, a beautiful boy of five years, sitting in a little cart, whip in hand, lines hitched to a tree, playing it was a horse. She thought how nice it was he could amuse himself so well, and how happy and care free he always was; and always so obedient. As she looked upon him in loving pride, he suddenly dropped his lines and whip and stood gazing straight before him—she wondered what he was looking at. Very soon he came in and said, looking quite perplexed, "Mother, when you buy little boys, where do you buy 'em?" She laughed merrily and said, "Why, we never bought you Rudolph."

"Then where did you get me?"

"Oh, one day when we were on the farm, your father was making sour kraut and he cut open a great big head of cabbage, and there you were right in the middle of it." Then she stooped and kissed his rosy mouth, looked into his clear blue eyes, patted his curly head and laughed again. He laughed with her, went out of doors, picked up his lines, called to his make-believe horses and no doubt felt convinced of the truth of the lie he had been told.

The next door neighbor had no children nor any love for them. They had a garden. Several months after the lie had been told Rudolph, the neighbor came in leading him. She was very angry and said: "Mrs.—I want you to take care of your young one, and if you don't give him what he deserves I'll do it myself."

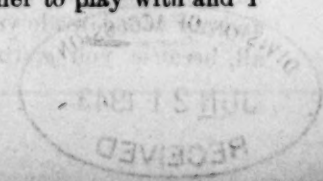
"Why, what has my boy done?"

"I have been away from home this afternoon and when I came back just now, I found him with a club just smashing the last head of cabbage in the garden; he has broken down every one; he needs a good thrashing." The neighbor's just anger excited the mother, and getting a strap she whipped her pretty boy severely, and shut him in the bedroom.

Soon after the father came home and hearing the child cry, and learning the cause, he took the strap and whipped Rudolph again.

Then, when the child had sobbed himself nearly to sleep the father said: "Rudolph, why were you so naughty?"

"Father, I do want a little brother to play with and I was looking for one."



Then the mother remembered the lie she had told that little fellow.

Who deserved the thrashing?

The neighbor was paid the price of the cabbage but what could pay for the wrong done the child?

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Two young boys who lived in the same town with their grandfather, who was a physician, were often told by the town children, "Your grandfather brought a little sister, (or brother), to our house last night."

Finally the boys became curious and asked their mother "Where does Grandpa get all the babies?" Without hesitation she pointed out to them the rocky face of a mountain a mile away and said, "Grandpa climbs that mountain in the night and finds them among the rocks."

Some weeks later the boys were missing at bed time.

A search was made about the streets; no one knew where they were. At dark it was reported that one of the boys was found dead at the foot of the mountain. The mother, crazed with grief, and other women and many men went to investigate.

One boy had been found, but not dead, as reported; one arm broken and was unconscious from the effects of his fall. The other child was hanging far up among the rocks, with a clothes line tied about his waist and supporting himself by a slender shrub which he had caught hold of. Some men above were trying to instruct him how to fasten a slip noose under his arms with the strong rope they had lowered to him. At last he was saved without injury. Who was to blame?

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Another instance: A mother with two sons. One aged fifteen she knew had very wrong ideas of fatherhood and motherhood. She could not approach him to remedy the evil; and she recognized her own fault in having told him that which was untrue when she had the opportunity of giving proper instruction. She had been watching over her younger child awaiting his questions.

He had a pair of rabbits which he was very fond of. One day a neighbor's dog ran down one of the rabbits and catching it near the barn, was tearing it to pieces as the boy arrived at the spot. The dog was driven away but the poor rabbit was dead. The boy was crying bitterly when suddenly he ceased and in perfect wonderment he gazed upon his pet.

There, inside of her torn body he saw three little rabbits. He quickly ran and brought his mother and showed her, saying, "Oh, mamma, my bunny is killed, but see, here are three little bunnies; how did they get here?" This was the opportunity she had waited for. "I will tell you Ned, all about it; but first let us lay poor bunny away. What I am going to tell you, you must not talk to anybody about excepting papa, brother, and me. We are one family and belong to each other and can be interested in all things together.

Your little bunny was going to be a mother and the three little ones were her children. Inside her body was a muscular pouch, or pocket, where the little ones were growing. Every mother's body has a similar pouch and the blood from the heart of the mother is sent there to build the little ones and make them grow." "Did I grow?" said Ned! "Yes, Ned, every living thing grows from a tiny seed which is the spark of life; I do not know about life itself, but this I do know, you were allowed to grow in my body and you did not know it at all, because you were all curled up like a little flower.

Mamma carried you close, close to her heart and was so glad all the time; and when you had grown strong enough so you could stand the sunshine and air, then you were born into the world; and you were hungry and cried; then mamma's blood made milk and you nursed at my breast, just as Mrs. Redmond nurses her little baby we saw yesterday; and when you were old enough to drink from a cup, then I did not have to nurse you any more. This is why you belong to me, Ned—because I am your mother and you are my little son; a part of me. This is why I love you more than I do the neighbor's children, and why you love me more than you do the neighbors, because we belong to one another. This is why you come to me when you are frightened or hurt; because we are a part of each other. I want to teach you something now you have never known. So we will see how the little baby plants grow from the seeds."

"Will that teach me more about the little bunnies?"

"Yes indeed. Now let us get some seeds. We will take beans and wheat and when you find a big chestnut we will plant it also."

"Can I get them?"

"Certainly, and we will let them grow in water so you can watch them and some in the ground. Then I can show you every day something about how the mother plant nourishes and helps the baby plant to grow."

Later on the elder brother became interested in the explanations of the growing seeds, and the mother made the "Talks" so interesting that she felt each day brought both her boys nearer and nearer to her.

It is a common thing to hear mothers say "I wish somebody would tell my daughter the things she ought to know, for I can't." How deplorable! Yet it is true that mothers have lied so many times to their children that the children have lost confidence and cease to ask questions from those who should be their truest friend, but go to others who have been no better taught, for the information regarding the most beautiful and sacred things of life. With what results we all know.

How many women there are living a miserable existence physically who will tell you they have been "poorly" ever since they entered womanhood. And these same women, who entered womanhood as they say with no knowledge on the subject, are allowing golden opportunities for instructing their own children to pass by every day. If asked "why," they will answer they are waiting for their children to get old enough to understand. Then they may find the vulgar thoughts and untruths gleaned from other children have already closed the door of their children's heart against such confidences as they expected to impart when "they could understand."

Many girls have their health utterly ruined at the eventful time of puberty. As soon as the parents notice a girl's pale looks, and suspect she is nearing womanhood, they begin to drug her system. All the old women of the neighborhood, and the family physician are appealed to and each one prescribes, and each prescription is tested upon the girl. No need to say more, as all mothers have seen the results. To the mothers who are raising young children I appeal. Make a study of how to meet the earnest questions of your children with the truth. Before your daughter and son reach the age of puberty teach them what to expect and to look forward to it with gladness as one of the beautiful events in their lives.

Teach them physical culture as far as you can, yourself, and if not sufficient—get a teacher—use no nauseating drugs. Have no fear of a decline called "quick consump-

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tion." Perfect development of every organ of the body can be obtained through proper exercise, fresh air, sunshine, pure water and plain food. How little the expense! How great the results.

Hurry up, young mothers, study a little each day. Your children are growing fast and will soon be claiming the true answers to their important questions.

A Pink Rose Conception.

BY ADA BERTONI.

A large majority of our mental and physical exponents of advanced ideas on the different new thoughts of the later years fail to give us a solid rock on which to build. The use and power of the mind is set forth in many long, tedious lectures, and while many good points are made, the principal ingredient that would benefit the world in general is omitted, or lightly touched upon.

I refer to the creation of children.

It is a difficult matter to solve the problem of a happy love, when we appeal to the half made men and women of today, whose thoughts are on a par with what they shall eat and wear. With them the question of sex is of minor importance.

The reason love so soon dies out between the sexes is on account of lust and excess.

Many of our advanced thinkers decry the marriage tie, but I hold it a good thing for one reason if there were none other.

Should we adopt the plan of natural selection, and do away with the marriage tie in this present age, the men would finally act as I have seen numerous household animals. While the females were pregnant with a brood of young ones around them, the males would be elsewhere following the Bible advice "increase and multiply". The poor females would have to scratch worse than the old hen with her chickens to feed her family, while papa followed the bent of his desires. Marriage makes the *he* part of humanity a little more careful and obliges him to care for his offspring.

Say there is no tie and a natural selection is made where both are faithful. The relationship grows monotonous in time, one or both want a change and they usually get it.

The truth of the matter is, men and women do not know how to love. We have few real, genuine lovers, but many of the sloppy, artificial, beastly kind. This is what causes so much unhappiness.

We are the product of those gone before us, and when we consider how babies are made, is it any wonder we need asylums and penitentiaries, and that there is a growing demand for the same?

We are each one to blame in a measure for existing crimes, and the deplorable conditions of humanity, for we are each of us related to the other by ties existing since the world was swung into space.

You will find great happiness in life and can create excellent children if you follow out the suggestions set forth herein, and every woman whose husband will not follow such a course, should not allow herself to become pregnant unless she is indifferent to the kind of offspring she would produce.

For every great and grand thing in life there is training and preparation, and the finer result desired, the greater the preparation required.

Stop a moment and think how our Planet is peopled. We have a few grand souls, but the mistakes, accidents, chance productions that pass for men and women can be traced back to a fierce ungovernable heat thrown off in a moment of passion as means of relief only.

How many millions of pitiable objects exist who were conceived under the worst possible surroundings. Father and mother gave them life when their physical and mental powers were at low ebb, without even a thought as to the outcome of their careless act.

This subject is exhaustless, and I can give here only the basic cure for diseased love conditions.

Should you feel disposed to put my advice into practice, give the rule plenty of time to work, for by following out the mode of operation the right kind of people would succeed us, and we would be benefitted, as what helps one generation helps another, —life is eternal, and we will not escape present actions thousands of years hence.

I draw no line as to your object in union, let it be sexual gratification or the creation of a child, for should seed be planted at any time and germinate it will ripen into a magnificent production under my formula, all things being equal. We must of course take into consideration the health and mentality of both parties, and there must be a constant love vibration flowing from one to the other during the gestation of the mother.

Abstinence prolongs love and adds to its enjoyment, but not the abstinence that *breeds degenerates and monstrosities*.

You who desire to try my plan, practice abstinence two or three months, but ever be preparing, by that I mean all the delightful attentions that one loved being can show to another, treating each other with the greatest consideration and adoration. Worship each other instead of God or Christ, for within yourselves lies your kingdom of heaven. Let your room be made as charming, beautiful and clean as your purse will admit. Let it be a dream of spiritual harmony, touched here and there by refined sensuous luxury. Use pink roses for the floral decorations if you can procure them.

Flowers play an important part in social events, especially weddings, why not then for the most enjoyable occurrence of your physical life, and when a child is to be created decorate with the rarest flowers obtainable. The pink rose is the flower of love, then why not have a Pink Rose Conception? It is no more improper than a Pink Tea and far more sensible, for in the Pink Rose Conception you bring an immortal soul into being, and in the Pink Tea you create much that bespeaks the imbecile.

All can not afford flowers, but all may be sweet and clean.

Do not have nocturnal children. Sunlight children and those created in the day time cannot but partake of the light vibrations.

When your preparations are complete and the blissful hour is at hand give yourselves to each other in all the fullness and ecstasy of love's keenest pulsations; but do not try your strength beyond endurance.

If all the dear sisters who preach woman's rights would teach the females of our country how to create a fine child, their time would be better employed.

If just a minimum portion of the money expended on exhibitions etc. was used in the right manner of creating children, how profitable it would be both for present and future families. We would be sure to have children well born.

When children are made right the world will grow better and not till then.

I am quite sure that love would last much longer, if not forever, under the Pink Rose method with both parties sincere and loyal, than it would in the usual careless plan, and there would be this one great advantage, love and its delights would be idealized and hold the highest place in our hearts, where oftentimes under the present low plane of its position, sinks humanity to the deepest strata of reeking filth, glossed over with a polish of hell, which passes for the divine energy of life, and causes the unintelligent to gradually dig their own graves.

Leaflet Literature.

"To Mothers" by Charlotte Perkins Stetson, is a poem which has been greatly admired by many of our readers. We have had it printed as a leaflet and hope that it will be widely circulated.

The paragraphs headed, "Do You Know?" printed in a recent issue make another leaflet worthy of general circulation. These leaflets contain seed-thoughts which will spring up and bear fruit in thousands of minds and lives.

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LUCIFEROUS—Giving Light; affording light or the means of discovery.—*Same*.

LUCIFIC—Producing Light.—*Same*.

LUCIFORM—Having the form of Light.—*Same*.

The name Lucifer means Light-Bringing or Light-Bearing and the paper that has adopted this name stands for Light against Darkness—for Reason against Superstition—for Science against Tradition—for Investigation and Enlightenment against Credulity and Ignorance—for Liberty against Slavery—for justice against Privilege.

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Twenty-one Years Old.

August is Lucifer's natal month—anniversary month. Twenty-one years ago, as a four page monthly, under the name, "Valley Falls Liberal," Lucifer began its journalistic career. For some months previous to its birth as an independent entity it had existed in an embryonic state, so to speak, as a weekly "supplement" to the Valley Falls (Kansas) "New Era," whose editor, G. D. Ingersoll, though not in full sympathy with his great namesake, was liberal enough to allow a discussion of "Freethought vs. Orthodox Christianity" to be carried on in his columns. Then, when the discussion became too warm and too voluminous for his columns it was decided by the local "Liberal League"—of which the writer of these lines was a member, to publish a small monthly of their own.

This, in brief, is the history of the origin of the paper now and for more than eighteen years known as Lucifer the Light-Bearer.

Believing that many if not all our friends would like to see the twenty-first anniversary of Lucifer's birth celebrated in some way it has been decided to issue a double number, a mid-summer double number, to signalize the passing of "The Son of the Morning" from the stage of life commonly called MINORITY to the stage called MAJORITY, or period of full-grown MANHOOD!—the period that brings to the American youth the right to vote and to pay POLL-TAX!

A brief retrospect or history of Lucifer and its work will form a leading feature of this anniversary number, and believing that such statement will be useful and interesting to many, especially to our later subscribers and the general public, the request is hereby made that as many as can do so will send for a few extra copies for circulation among neighbors and friends who may thereby become interested in the agitation for

FREE AND RESPONSIBLE MOTHERHOOD, as the basis for all rational improvement in man and his institutions.

Please let us know at once, how many copies of the anniversary number you can take. The price will be two cents per copy or twenty cents per dozen.

Hoping for your orders we will print an extra large number of copies, and that there may be time for all orders to reach us before going to press the double number will not be issued till August 24, or two weeks from the date of the present issue.

M. H.

The Great Strike.

At this writing, August 6, negotiations for the settlement of differences between the Steel Trust magnates and the Labor Unions have once more failed, and now again the word comes that it is to be a "fight to a finish." The "Chicago American" reports President T. J. Shaffer as saying, on Monday of this week:

The Amalgamated Association has made every human effort possible to avert this struggle. Now let it come!

We shall not show the white feather, not even if it means hardships for those we love most.

We are fighting for something other than a mere principle.

We are warding off the rapacious clutch of a trust that would have our children grow into manhood as much slaves as we are today.

We are struggling for the sake of our children's children, for this battle for right and liberty will be felt in generations to come.

At the close of the conference that resulted in failure to agree, President Shaffer is reported to have used these words, addressed to the Steel Octopus, J. Pierpont Morgan:

You steel people admit that the wage scale of last year was unfair to the men. In asking for the increase, we are only asking for what is just.

As to making union men of all the Amalgamated men, we have just as much right to combine as you people have.

Mr. Morgan, you have never made any overtures to us looking toward an honest settlement of this difficulty. You have continually flaunted the red flag in our faces.

In the lining up of the forces thus opposed it appears that the men belonging to unions more or less directly affected will number two millions four hundred thousand. On the other side is a total "trust fund" that foots up \$1,175,000,000.

As dollars represent inert matter it would seem that millions of men could easily conquer in a conflict with millions of dollars, but on nearer examination it is found that it is not dollars, as such, that are arrayed against the men who contend for their right to a share of the earth and its opportunities. Against the men of the labor unions are arrayed the men who have, by force or fraud, taken possession of the mines of coal, of iron, of tin, of petroleum, etc., etc.; also the means of transportation and distribution; also the lands upon which the cottages are built that shelter the workmen and their families; also the machinery, the tools, the mechanical inventions, by which labor is expeditious and lessened in wresting from mother earth her hidden treasures.

The men who have combined their dollars and their wits to rob their brethren who work with their hands, are few in number as compared to the workers, but they are backed by the thing, the invisible, intangible thing, called "government," which, though it cannot be seen nor heard nor felt, has such power over men's minds that they eagerly fight and die for it. This invisible intangible government appears to have really but one object, but one reason for existing, and that is the protection of the wealthy and cunning in their schemes to rob the poorer and more simple-minded members of human society.

Proudhon wrote, "Property is robbery."

In the sense that the property of the rich has been obtained by robbery, the aphorism is certainly true.

And in the sense that government exists chiefly if not solely for the purpose of protecting the rich in their robberies of the poor it may be truthfully said that Government is Robbery.

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This is why the millions of workers commonly fight a losing battle when arrayed against millions of dollars.

Whether dollars or workers will win in the great conflict now begun by the Amalgamated Labor Unions against organized and government protected robbers, remains to be seen.

M. H.

National Marriage and Divorce Laws.

Congressman Taylor, of Lisbon, Ohio, has made himself somewhat famous, if not notorious, by his advocacy of uniform marriage and divorce laws, for the various states and territories of the American Union. To secure this he wants an amendment to the United States Constitution. The following article clipped from W. J. Bryan's "Commoner," (Lincoln, Neb.,) in which paper it appeared with the apparent endorsement of the editor, was sent us by Francis B. Livesey, Sykesville, Md.:

Not many years ago a citizen of New York left his family, went to Pennsylvania, and, by constructive notice to his wife, procured a divorce. He remarried, became the father of children by that marriage, again deserted his family and turned up in California, where he procured a divorce, valid by the law of that state, and took a third wife, by whom he reared a family.

In the course of time he died, owning lands in all three of the states in which he had married.

In California he had a lawful wife and lawful children. Had he taken them to Pennsylvania, the California wife, by changing the name of the sovereign state in which she dwelt, would have descended from the status of a wife, given her by the highest law of the land, into the position of a woman against whom the finger of scorn could justly be pointed and upon whom the hard hand of the law could be rightfully placed. And the children, while under the humane policy recognized as the offspring of the mother, would have found the bar sinister in their escutcheon and their father's property in Pennsylvania denied to them.

Nor would the Pennsylvania wife and her offspring be in any happier lot if they went to New York. There wife No. 1 was still the valid and only wife of the much-married husband. Her children and hers alone would be in that state legitimate. However pure and innocent either the second or third wife, she would in New York possess and enjoy exactly the same status as belonged to those between whom no sort of marriage had ever occurred, and her children would be classed with the offspring of those who loved not wisely but too well.

For the courts of New York say that the husband's divorce in Pennsylvania is void and that the marriage relation with the first wife continued to exist. The law of Pennsylvania said the same thing about the California divorce, and the Pennsylvania wife continued to be the wife, notwithstanding the second divorce. Of course, neither Pennsylvania nor California recognized the New York marriage as still existing, and California explicitly annulled the Pennsylvania marriage. In the land which the husband owned in New York his first wife took dower. In the land which he owned in Pennsylvania the second wife took dower. The third wife took her widow's rights in the California land.

It is monstrous, but it is true, that if the husband had been careful to keep his first wife out of California and Pennsylvania, his second wife out of New York and Pennsylvania, and any two from being in one state at the same time, he could have continued to sustain marital relation with all three, and in so doing have violated no law.—Congressman R. W. Taylor in "Harper's Weekly."

The ease with which the invasive Comstock postal laws were obtained from our national congress by a religious syndicate, and the apparent impossibility of ever securing their repeal, should remind and warn all Americans who value the modicum of personal freedom still possessed by them, that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

The arguments of Mr. Taylor are inserted here not so much for the purpose of refutation at this time, as to set our readers to thinking, and as a target or text for letters to be addressed by them to Mr. Taylor himself, also to the "Commoner" and also to the local papers of Lisbon, Ohio, which, as Mr. Livesey informs us, are four in number, namely, "Patriot," "Buckeye," "Journal" and "Republican Leader."

Letters addressed to Mr. Taylor and to the papers named, should be short, pointed, plainly written, courteous in tone, but written with the earnestness and candor that will carry conviction that the writers know their rights as human beings and as citizens of the world, and that they intend to maintain them. Especially—as it seems to me—should the ground be taken in these letters that marriage and divorce are private and personal matters with which the servants of the people, in Congress or elsewhere, have nothing whatever to do. Also that the mother, as the natural guardian of her child, should never assume the role of maternity until assured of sufficient means of support for herself and child to make her independent of aid from men—one or more—and thus secure that most necessary of all kinds of self-ownership, that of her body—her maternal powers and functions.

Such being the rational basis of ethics in the sex relations of women and men it will be seen that the interference of the legislator and judge in matters of marriage and divorce, is a gross impertinence, if not a criminal invasion of personal right.

M. H.

Notes and Comments.

THE VIVISECTION AND VACCINATION CONTROVERSY.

Lack of space compels us to side-track, for this issue at least, more than one article now in type on the subject of vaccination, vivisection, etc. C. L. James, who first threw down the challenge that was taken up by Mr. Clarkson, E. C. Walker and others, now retires from the discussion but asks a little space in which to take leave of his critics. This final word will appear next week.

WHY SHOULD LOVE DIE?

The symposium upon the question of May Huntley in regard to the "death of love," has now been running for many weeks—if it be allowable to say that a "symposium" can run, and the end is not yet. Several good articles on this subject are yet on file, which in time will probably appear, unless otherwise ordered by their writers.

"APPEAL TO REASON."

Among the journals with large circulation that are now arousing the public mind to a healthy discontent, to a righteous indignation with and towards our present rule of spoils and greed, a very honorable place must be accorded to the "Appeal to Reason," published at Girard, Kansas. Whether Brother Wayland is one of the "I Ams" or not he certainly understands the art of securing success as an editor and publisher. Send for a sample copy of this stirring evangel of the Gospel of Discontent with the old and false, this harbinger of the new and true. Published weekly at only fifty cents per year.

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